

Yet I have never seen a meeting at Enon where a larger per cent of the membership attended. All the members were much blessed. Bro. Yoder is a good preacher. Christ is exalted. The influences of the meeting will continue to bring forth good results.

Last Sunday I preached my last Sunday at Enon. It was both a pleasant and unpleasant task. I always have enjoyed speaking to the people there, but it was very hard to think that it was the last time I should address them for years perhaps. These people are among the best I have ever known. They treated me during my six and one fourth years with them with every mark of consideration. They have passed thru serious discouragements the last three years, discouragements resulting from loss of members thru death and emigration. A year ago last spring about twelve members moved away. The previous spring we lost about fifteen by emigration, and several went "the way of all the earth." But I believe brighter times are ahead. True, some of the members have moved to Waterloo, but I believe there is a ripening field just around the church.

It was my great pleasure just before leaving to have a number of our young people tell me that they had vowed to God never to again attend a place of amusement where they could not ask Christ to go. Some of God's noblemen and noblewomen are members here. My prayer is that God may keep them faithful.

The church does not have a pastor for sure yet, but it is confidently expected that one of our eastern brethren will take the charge, with whom the committee is in correspondence.

**Waterloo.** Here the church is awake to her duty. A great door is open to them here if they will but keep it open by faithful attention to the common duties of the church. Two good members of other days who were not permitted to be among the brethren because of isolation have moved to Waterloo and will again work with the brethren. A sister who left the church two years because of some doctrinal points she did not believe has been convinced at last and comes back to us. She is a good worker and we trust the benefits will be mutual.

The church here is preparing to take good care of the coming Illiokota Conference. Let all the churches send good delegations.

Wife and I leave tonight for New York City, where I shall enter Union Theol. Sem. to better prepare myself for the Lord's work in the church. Pray for us.

J. L. GILLIN.

Waterloo, Ia.

### The College Library

The College Library though growing is yet in need. It is altogether inadequate to meet present needs. Our work, especially in the advanced classes is seriously hindered because of a lack of books. We have no library fund and must therefore depend upon the friends of the college. Here is an excellent opportunity to do good. We wish that some person of wealth would find it in his heart to give us a liberal fund for this purpose. But since there is no such person we must rest content with what we can get through individuals of smaller means.

Just now we are in need of books for the work of the present year. We must needs have books of reference, and books more complete than text books on the subjects taught in the school. For this reason we prefer that where the donor must purchase books to give us, he would send us the money because we can buy cheaper and more to our immediate wants.

Since the last report we have received the following: \$15 cash from the Oakville church, a number of books, English and German from Bro. Wampler including an old, rare and valuable Bible. "Studies in the Four Gospels" and "The Ministry of Intercession" from Bro. A. D. Gnagey. A Re-

port of the World's Parliament of Religions from Bro. Hoover, Oakville, Indiana. "Eschatology" and "The Angel and the Vision" from Mrs. Nancy Haines, Woodland, Cal.

We hope that others may be moved to do something for us. We need what you can do and we need it now.

WM. D. FURRY, LIBRARIAN.

### Nesbitt, Okla.

*Dear Evangelist:* We love your visits to our home. It does us good to hear of the churches prospering in other places, even if we don't do much in Oklahoma.

Last Sabbath morning after Sunday school I tried to preach a sermon, and after services had began I noticed Brother Stephens and wife in the audience, together with some strangers among whom was Brother Baker who had come to be baptized which was attended to in the afternoon. We expect to begin a protracted meeting at a school house near Brother Robinson's, about seven miles west of Mulhall, October 13, a week before the feast at the same place. We expect Brother McFaden with us at this meeting.

D. HARADER.

### The Calif Conference and Camp Meeting

A year ago the experiment of holding our district conference during our annual Camp Meeting was first tried. It seemed to the author of the plan that the greatest good is always accomplished by conferences in proportion as they reach directly the largest number of people, and the attendance at C. M. always being large, it was proposed to give all a chance to participate in transacting the business of the district, and to assist in formulating plans for the furtherance of the good work within its borders. A proposition to hold our conferences as mass conventions during the joint arrangement was voted down as being contrary to the by-laws adopted years ago. The plan has worked sufficiently well to be continued by the voice of conference but there are a few things which hinder its most complete success. The most formidable of these is the fact that the leading workers in conference are also leaders in C. M. and the joint sessions fill some peoples hands to overflowing. With God's help we shall continue the plan for another year at least.

The C. M. was held this year in a fine oak grove near French Camp, and four miles south of the city of Stockton, and according to wish of conference, is to be held on same ground next year. The place is convenient because of its nearness to market, and for its railroad facilities. Ten passenger trains per day stopped at the ground on signal, so that the going and coming was an easy matter. The usual plans for caring for the crowds were employed to the entire satisfaction of all. Good meals were furnished to regular boarders at the rate of eight meals for a dollar, so that none went away hungry.

The attendance this year was not quite so good as usual, for the meeting was several weeks too early for some. Farmers were not through with harvest and its attendant duties yet and many were thus kept at home, who would have been present under more favorable circumstances. The time for the meeting is always determined by the matter of moonlight. During the last three years, the full moon of September has been so late as to make weather conditions quite uncertain, so we have had to settle upon the full moon of August this year beginning the 23rd. For next year it was decided to have the meeting two weeks later if possible and we hope for better results.

In addition to our usual Calif preachers, Brethren Schisler and Reed, Beer and Holsinger, we had Bro. Early and wife of Salem, Oregon. They were strangers when they came, but their kindly genial spirits soon brought them hosts of friends, whose well-wishes and prayers followed them to their far away home. Brethren Early, Schisler and

Reed did nearly all the preaching and did it well.

The special services on Temperance and Sunday School Day were most inspiring. On Temperance day Rev. T. A. Boyer of Stockton delivered one of the most finished addresses I have ever heard on the subject of "Deadly Parallels." The church was reminded of its imperative duty in the field of reform in such a way and in such a spirit as could not help leaving lasting impressions. On Sunday School and Childrens Day, Dr. W. M. White of San Francisco, chairman of the State S. S. Association and Earl S. Bingham of San Jose, secretary of the State Association, were both present. Dr. White spoke very feelingly and forcefully on "Soul Saving—the aim of the Sunday School Worker." I wish all my readers could have heard the address. The high possibilities of S. S. work never seemed quite so wonderful before to me. In the afternoon, after a short program rendered by the children, we had a S. S. congress, presided over by White and Bingham, who answered all kinds of questions relating to the work. This day was a special day indeed, and none of those present can ever forget it.

A very helpful communion service was held on Saturday eve, August 31, before the regular sermon. A large number of brethren and sisters sat around the Lord's table, and the scene as well as the whole service was very impressive.

The services were held in a new tent purchased for such meetings, at a cost of \$250. It is 45x90 ft, with top of ten ounce Magnolia duck made in three pieces so as to make it capable of being reduced in size to a round tent 45 ft. in diameter. This will sometimes be used for evangelistic services in places where suitable room cannot be had. The side walls are of eight ounce duck and are seven feet high. When all curtains are down with carpet on floor and comfortable seats, with good lights also, it makes a cozy place for a meeting. In former years the meetings were held without any covering, but we hardly see how it could be done that way now. At any rate we are thankful for the tent, and we pray that God may bless its use to the conversion of many souls. Our field is large and at many places we shall have use for just such a tabernacle. I hope the time is not far distant when it shall be in constant use.

In my next paper I propose to give a brief outline of the work of our conference. The present article is already quite long enough, so I close it with a promise to come next week again.

MARTIN SHIVELY.

Lathrop, Cal.

### A Letter From Persia

Thinking that many of the brethren who were in the foreign mission circle on Sunday afternoon, at Winona Lake, would be interested in the following letter, it is herewith submitted for publication.

Geogtapha, Urumia, Persia,  
August 18, 1901.

Rev. L. S. Bauman,

My Dear Brother in Christ:—

Your second letter at hand I was very happy to hear from you again. Four weeks ago, I wrote you a letter and sent it by registered mail, I hope you will get it. In reply to your second letter I would say that I am not disappointed at all, because I know in whom I believe. I am sure the Lord Jesus will open the hearts of your church people, and will educate my son to be a minister of the gospel for the Moslems and Kurds and Jews. I am quite sure you will do your best for my boy, because that love we have between each other, it is the Christ love. Christ loved us more than himself, giving his life for us. Dearest Brother, I am very sorry to tell you that during the last month I am passing through the deep valley of sorrow and trouble and temptation.

1. I believe that it is more than one month ago that I have had no money at all to support my family. I have had to borrow from other people.